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JUNETEENTH CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865 Army General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas and found Blacks still enslaved. General Granger issued a proclamation that included the words of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln, two and one-half years earlier, announcing their freedom! A huge celebration ensued and the observance of June 19th as Black Independence/Emancipation Day has spread across the United States.

Utahans have celebrated Juneteenth Day for over 50 years. The celebration has included picnics at the park with entertainment and guest speakers, to the more elaborate Utah celebration which includes a week long commemoration of the rich culture and history of African Americans in Utah, the United States, the Diaspora and rest of the World! "I was first introduced to Juneteenth by Lenoris Bush, Director of Utah Opportunities Industrialization Center, UOIC. He was coordinating the celebration along with the Salt Lake Chapter NAACP". They were having their celebration at Jordan Park on the Westside and included great food, community entertainers, softball games, and vendors. As the Director of the Governor's Office of Black Affairs, I was approached to provide support for the celebration. I was excited to learn another vital part of my history that had eluded me. We worked with UOIC on the celebration and had a wonderful time. The following year, the planning committee ran into some snags and wanted to cancel the celebration. I made a couple of calls to a colleague at the Marshall White Center in Ogden, to see if we could have the Juneteenth Celebration there. We were able to acquire the necessary permits and for the first time the festival were held in Ogden.

Across the Nation, the National Juneteenth movement, under the director of Dr. Ronald Myers, has worked state by state to make Juneteenth a state holiday. Texas led the way over 20 years ago and since that time 19 other states, including Idaho, have marked this historic event with a Day of Observance either by Executive Order or by Statute. The Utah Juneteenth Commission introduced legislation this past session to commemorate the 3rd Saturday in June as Juneteenth Day. The bill passed the House but died in the Senate. We will be working again this Session to introduce the Juneteenth Holiday Observance Bill and feel confident that we will be successful!

When people think of Utah they don't automatically think of slavery, however there were slaves here. Utah is listed nationally as well for having a lynching. This occurred in Price, Utah. On my recent visit to the Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee, I was able to read the roll identifying lynching state by state. The visit was a true eye opener and included a replica of the inside of a slave ship, artifacts from slaves and the slave industry, list of slaves owned by United States Presidents, and a visit by Mr. James Cameron (who recently died) the only known survivor of a lynching.

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The Ogden Juneteenth Festival had very humble beginnings with about 200 people, a flatbed truck for the stage, and an umbrella to provide shade for one of the onstage performers, Gospel singer, Ms. Zenobia Smith. For several years the Utah Juneteenth Committee coordinated Juneteenth Celebrations in Salt Lake and Ogden. As you might guess, that became quite challenging and about 5 years ago, opted to have one Utah Juneteenth Festival, which would be held in Ogden. Now in our 18th Year, the festival has continued to grow and represents the largest African American Celebration in the state and possibly intermountain region. People from across the country plan their family reunions, class reunions and vacations around the Juneteenth Festival.

Juneteenth, according to Juneteenth America is a “time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long over due. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.”

The Utah Juneteenth Festival represents a time of celebration, education and community activism. We work to include elements in the festival to help inform, education and uplift our citizens. This year’s festival is replete with exciting activities for the entire family. Health and Wellness in at the top of our agenda this year and we have been coordinating the Harambee (Let’s Pull Together) African American Tobacco & Health Network for the past four years. The goal of the Network is to “Sound the Alarm and Send the Call, to eliminate tobacco and other health-related disparities in the African American Community”. We have a Youth Council as well that is working with their peers to develop and share health related messages to youth and young adults. During the festival we will have a Health & Wellness Fair. The Youth Council will host a special Tobacco Free, Hip-Hop, Step & Dance Competition on Thursday, June 14th at the Amphitheater. Each contestant/group must present one number that includes a tobacco-free message. This part of the presentation will be judged and prizes awarded.

The Juneteenth festival represents an opportunity for community members of all races and ethnicities to come together to help celebrate our common bonds of humanity and freedom. So we invite Utahans throughout the state to join us in celebrating African American freedom, contributions and achievement. Juneteenth has been celebrated for more than 140 years and represents the oldest celebration of freedom.

The 18th Annual Celebration, Utah’s largest African American Cultural Arts presentation is replete with artistic performances, arts & crafts vendors, and Ethnic cuisine, sure to please the most discriminating palette. The theme for the annual event is “The Utah African American Experience: A Journey of Purpose, Promise & Provision” and will highlight over 100 years of Utah Black History. The Juneteenth Festival will include a host of exciting games and educational activities with cool prizes for all ages. There will African Dance performances and Workshops, Story Telling, Black History Trivia Trail, Exhibits, and much more! The festivals education and outreach program will include a Health & Wellness Fair, Education & Career Fair, and numerous community resource programs to share valuable information.

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JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL: THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Monday 6/11 night is Movie Night and we will show "Akeelah & the Bee" about an 11-year-old girl from South Los Angeles whose dream is to compete in the National Spelling Bee. It is an excellent story of hope and the power of community, featuring Laurence Fishburne, Angela Bassett and KeKe Palmer.

Tuesday's activity will be a Slam Dunk, 3 on 3 Competition and 3 Point Shootout! Contestants will compete for cash prizes, trophies and bragging rights of course.

Thursday 6/14: Harambee Tobacco & Health Network Youth Council will present a Super Dance, Step, & Hip-Hop Competition. Each contestant will have to create and include a tobacco-free message in their performance.

Friday 6/15, Jazz Concert, featuring saxophonist Tom Scott & the LA Jazz Express along with Paulette McWilliams and Ellis Hall, a multi-instrumentalist virtuoso who possesses a vocal style that commands attention in its diversity and depth. The concert will be held at the Amphitheater as well and tickets are on sale now! Tickets prices include: General Admission: \$20 Bleacher Seating: \$15 and VIP PACKAGES: \$75 & \$100
Includes Backstage Pass
Personal Picnic Basket with Wine & Gift
(\$100) Includes all the above plus a VIP Meet & Greet after the Concert
Proceeds will benefit Project Success Community Learning Center

Saturday 6/16, the festival begins at 12 noon -10:00 p.m. with activities and performances all day! Catch your favorite local artist as they team up with national recording artist CASHIS, Triple P Recording Artist. Local performing artist, Food and vending booths, Education and Career Fair, Health & Wellness Fair, Kid's Art Barn, Old Fashion Games, Black History Trail and local and national African Dance Troupes.

Sunday 6/17: Gospel Music Celebration. Festival runs from 1:00-7:00p.m., with a Special Father's Day Presentation. Our featured artist is **Ms. Vanessa Bell-Armstrong**, a Detroit native with a style reminiscent of Aretha Franklin. "Soulful Vanessa Bell Armstrong has been belting out R&B-flavored contemporary gospel since the '80s. She got her start working with Dr. Mattie Moss Clark (Mother of World Renowned Clark Sisters). She has since gone on to work in both gospel and secular music. She did the theme song for the television series Amen, where her links to Rev. Al Green (and ultimately to Rev. Claude Jeter) were evident."

Nominate your Father for our "Fathers Are Special" Tribute. Let us know in 200 words or less, why your father is Special! Entries must be received by June 10th. Winners will be announced on Father's Day.

Information submitted by: Betty O. Sawyer

Project Success Director

projectsuccessinc@hotmail.com

www.projectsuccessinc.org



MORE TIME NEEDED FOR EDUCATION IN CROSS-CULTURAL CARE

A limited amount of time is allocated to education in cross-cultural care in the US, even though this is considered an important element when treating patients in a multi-ethnic society.

According to Dr. George Hill, the Levi Watkins, Jr. Professor and Associate Dean for Diversity in Medical Education at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, this reflects on how physicians and other healthcare providers relate to their patients. He delivered a public lecture on "The Impact of Health Disparities on African-Americans in the United States", last month at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) Auditorium.

Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) conducted a study on physicians from different specialties in the US, who were interviewed to see how much education in cross-cultural care they received after completing medical school. The areas that were evaluated were the healthcare provider's knowledge in how the patient would like to be addressed; working with interpreters; identifying trust; cultural customs and religious beliefs; accessing their patient's understanding of their illness; and identifying mistrust.

Pediatricians and OB/GYNs ranked the lowest. Less than 50% of Pediatricians and OB/GYNs worked with interpreters, accessed their patient's understanding of their illness and identified their patient's religious beliefs. These results indicated that this lack of education in cross-cultural care has to be improved if disparities in the care of patients of various ethnicities and races are to improve. IOM examined exactly what these disparities were when they evaluated the differences in the treatment of patients that could not be attributed to other factors, such as access to care. The assessment of possible sources of these disparities such as discrimination, bias and stereotyping at the individual (physician), "institutional and health system levels" was also conducted.

It was revealed that there are many areas of disparities from the health care system and health care providers to utilization managers, there was also "evidence of persistent racial and ethnic discrimination in many sectors of American life" and social, economical and historical differences also contributed to ethnic and racial disparities.

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It is widely believed that these disparities have had a severe negative impact. For example, David Satcher in his book "The Covenant with Black America", stated that if health disparities were eliminated in the last century, there would have been "85 000 fewer black deaths, 24 000 fewer black deaths from CVD, 4 700 fewer black deaths in the first year of life and 22 000 fewer deaths from diabetes" in 2001.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommended that awareness should be increased among health care providers, policy makers, insurance companies and other sources; there also needs to be more minority health care providers and interpreters working in hospitals and clinics and "consistence and equality of care should also be promoted through the use of 'evidence-based' guidelines to help providers".

*By Patricia Thangaraj
"The Barbados Advocate"*

RACIAL/ETHNIC DIFFERENCES IN CARDIAC CARE: THE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE

Numerous studies over the past two decades have documented racial and ethnic differences in care for heart conditions. To assess the quality of the evidence and to summarize the information for a physician audience, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation collaborated with the American College of Cardiology Foundation to review the body of research on racial/ethnic differences in cardiac care.

There is credible evidence that minority patients are less likely than white patients to receive invasive cardiac procedures such as catheterization, angioplasty, bypass surgery and thrombolytic therapy even when patient characteristics are similar. These disparities remain even after adjusting for such factors as age, sex, insurance status and heart disease severity. Of the 81 studies investigating racial/ethnic differences in care over the past two decades, 68 found disparities in care for at least one of the racial/ethnic minority groups under study.

To access the full report visit www.kff.org/uninsured/20021009c-index.cfm

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STATE PRIMARY CARE GRANTS PROGRAM

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, Utah Department of Health, invites qualified agencies to submit applications for State Primary Care Grants Program funding for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007-2008. Approximately \$1,600,000 was appropriated by the State of Utah Legislature to fund the State Primary Care Grants Program. As you may be aware, the State Primary Care Grants Program supports access to health care, by assisting public and non-profit entities with the cost of providing primary care services to medically underserved populations.

#1 The Utah Department of Health has set a maximum funding award for New SFY 2007-2008 Projects at \$40,000.

#2 The grant period covered for **New** awarded agencies will be September 1, 2007 thru June 30, 2008 (ten [10] months). New Projects are those Projects that were **NOT** awarded funding December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2007.

#3 The grant period covered for **Continuation** awarded agencies will be December 1, 2007 thru June 30, 2008 (seven [7] months). Continuation Projects are those Projects that **WERE** awarded funding December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2007. Continuation Projects are considered those Projects that would be applying for the "exact same Project and with the same Objectives."

#4 Question & Answer conference calls on the Application process will be held on the following three (3) afternoons:

- Tuesday, June 19, 2007 from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 20, 2007 from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 21, 2007 from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m.

The call in number for all three (3) conference calls is 1-800-474-2077 or 801-521-3615. There is no charge to participants on this conference call.

PLEASE **RSVP** your participation in the Question & Answer conference call by **June 20th** to elolsen@utah.gov. You should assure to include (1) your name and telephone number, (2) the conference call "date" you will participate in, and (3) the "Questions" you would like addressed on the conference call.

Please be aware that if no RSVPs are received AND no "Questions" are submitted to us, the conference call will not be held.

The SFY 2007-2008 State Primary Care Grants Program application is now available. Hard copy applications will be mailed the first of next week, but are now available from the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health web site.

***Please be aware that the application deadline is set for
" Friday, June 29, 2007 "***

The web address for application information:

APPLICATION and INSTRUCTIONS

www.health.utah.gov/primarycare/pdfs11-00/PrimaryCare/SPCG-Application-FY07-08.pdf

Rich Text (rtf) and Word Perfect (wpd) copies of the required "tables" are attached.

DEFINITIONS USED BY PROGRAM

www.health.utah.gov/primarycare/pdfs11-00/PrimaryCare/SPCG-Definitions.pdf

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

www.health.utah.gov/primarycare/pdfs11-00/PrimaryCare/SPCG-Scoring.pdf

DETERMINATION OF 200% OF POVERTY TABLE

www.health.utah.gov/primarycare/pdfs11-00/PrimaryCare/povertytable.pdf

For more grant opportunities visit the previous issues of *The Connection*
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MORE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AND GRANT TRAININGS

UDOH/ASTHMA PROGRAM MINI GRANTS

The Asthma Program of the Utah Department of Health is seeking applicants for community asthma projects to be conducted from September 2007- August 2008. The Asthma Program is especially interested, but not limited to, activities focusing on childcare relating to asthma, special interest groups/ communities, as well as any asthma activities outside the Wasatch Front.

To apply, please return the enclosed pre-application form that includes information about your intended community or population, a brief summary of your goals that focus on asthma activities, and the activities or steps that you will take to reach your goals. Pre-application deadline is **Friday, June 29, 2007 by 5 p.m.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the mini-grant program or the pre-application process, please contact Cherissa Wood Phone: 801-484-4456

Fax: 801-484-5461

Email: cherissaw@utahlung.org

FREE 3 DAYS GRANT WRITING TRAINING

This is a BASIC class and is intended to assist new, faith based and community based organizations achieve their goals by helping them gain access to additional funding resources. Attendees will receive personal instruction from HUD staff on; how to become competitive for grant funds, the importance of 501(c)(3) , and how to interpret funding announcements. The information is designed for new, inexperienced organizations and grant writers. Materials about HUD and other federal programs will be presented and discussed.

Workshop Topics Will Include:

Strategic Planning for NEW Nonprofits- How to construct an effective organization - HUD programs available to Nonprofits- COMMON FACTORS inherent in all grant proposals- WORKING WITH partners -creating and Using a logic model

WHEN: JUNE 18-20, 2007

WHERE: SALT LAKE CITY'S MAIN LIBRARY, 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

You MUST Register online at:

http://www.hud.gov/event_registration/index_2.cfm?eventID=527

You will receive a confirmation and follow-up details prior to the event.

For workshop content questions: Call – Pauline Zvonkovic – (801) 524-6076 or email

Pauline.Zvonkovic@hud.gov

SPACE IS LIMITED-REGISTER TODAY!!!

Organized by the U.S Department of Housing and Human Development and the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

WRITING WINNING GRANT PROPOSALS WORKSHOP

This highly interactive workshop provides the skills you need to develop a Master Proposal—as well as enhancing your ability to manage the grant writing process. You'll get practical, time-tested tips and tools for writing grant proposals, letters of inquiry, and cover letters.

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Break for lunch at 11:45 a.m.)

Location: Park City, Shepherd of the Mountain Lutheran Church, 4051 North Hwy 224, near the entrance to the Canyons Resort.

Registration Fee : \$130 for Utah Non-Profits Association, UNA members: \$145 all others.

Limited to 25 participants

How to Register. Click on Shannon@consultingconnections.com

Questions? Call Shannon at 435-634-8876

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CLINICAL ASSISTANT

Summit County is currently recruiting for a full time Clinical Assistant I. Performs a variety of working level secretarial and technical clinical duties as needed to expedite the administrative processes of public health programs; including filing, scheduling, word processing, records maintenance and basic bookkeeping. Must be able to speak, write and read Spanish. Serves as personal secretary to Nursing Director or other professional staff.

Minimum Qualifications: Graduation from high school and one (1) year of directly related experience as a clinical aide.

Salary: \$11.60 - \$16.29/hr.

For more information visit: <http://www.summitcounty.org/personnel/clinical.html>

Patient Services Coordinator – People's Health Clinic (in Park City, Utah)

Want to work in a fun environment, while helping uninsured people with their healthcare needs?

The People's Health Clinic (PHC) in Park City, Utah is **seeking a Bilingual (in Spanish and English)**

Patient Services Coordinator to help run three evening clinics during the week.

Qualifications:

- ***Bi-lingual in English and Spanish required.***
- Minimum of 1 years experience working in a medical clinic highly preferred, but not required.
- Computers skills, experience with Word and Excel preferred, but not required.
- Leadership skills helpful. Aptitude to work well with staff, volunteers, and the community.
- Good problem-solving and communication skills; Takes initiative to find potential solutions for problems without being asked.
- Ability to work in Park City at least on Tuesdays from 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 9pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 9pm.

Hours and Compensation:

30 hours a week

Pay Range: \$12 - \$14 an hour

Eligible for Health and Dental Benefits

To Apply:

Please email your cover letter and resume to: phcpc1200@yahoo.com Attn: Andrew Sipherd

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Company: Neighborhood House

Location: Cottonwood (1580 E Vine St)

Status: Full Time

Posted Date: May 30, 2007

Job Description:

Program Coordinators - Supports the adult day service programs by providing leadership to activity aids, developing an appropriate calendar for client activities, maintains client files and assessments. This position requires a TRT certificate or higher. Position interacts, under the direction of Program Administrator, with Nurses and families to ensure quality programming for clients. Successful candidates are 18+, high school graduates or equivalent with higher education experience, no criminal record, able to lift 40 pounds, valid drivers license. 1 position at Cottonwood (1580 E Vine St). Positions is full-time with benefits available.

To Apply: Applicants can apply via applications at 1050 W 500 S, SLC, UT 84104 or by fax at 363-4591 All positions require ability to pass a background check, drug screen, be 18 and possess a valid driver's license. Bilingual candidates are encouraged and welcome as well as students and retired members of the community.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Company: Planned Parenthood Association of Utah

Location: Salt Lake City

Status: Part-time (20 hours/week)

Posted Date: May 24, 2007

Job Description:

Selects, trains, organizes, evaluates and monitors volunteers for Planned Parenthood Association of Utah and for Planned Parenthood Political Action Council, in support of the agency's mission of providing access to reproductive care and healthy sexuality education services for all. The volunteer is a primary contact between the agency and members of the community. The manner in which community members are treated and informed during that contact is critical to building agency trust and confidence in the community.

Minimum Qualifications:

- * High school degree or GED plus technical or vocation training; 4-year college degree preferred PLUS 2 years related experience and/or comparable combination of education/experience

- * Strong oral, written and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated skill in coordinating activities, establishing priorities and adapting to change appropriately

- * Ability to respond to inquiries with tact, diplomacy and patience. Ability to adjust communication style based on situation/individual as appropriate

- * Ability to work well with others in a team environment. Ability to exercise discretion on sensitive and confidential matters

- * Proficient PC skills and the ability to use standard MS software

- * Must be a self-starter who works with a minimum of direction. Must be able to plan and manage workload

- * Strong attention to detail and follow-through skills. Treats all contacts with respect, dignity, and honesty. Knowledge of state-wide community helpful

- * Commitment to the goals, mission, and philosophy of Planned Parenthood

- * Ability to represent Planned Parenthood in a professional manner and to work as a team member to achieve agency goals. Availability for travel, occasionally, state-wide and the ability to work flexible hours including nights and weekends.

To Apply:

Please mail, fax or email resume and cover letter to:

Planned Parenthood Association of Utah

654 South 900 East

Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

(801) 532-5748 (fax)

Email: shelley.zimmer@ppau.org

AmeriCorps*VISTA Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator

Company: The Community Food Co-op of Utah, a project of Crossroads Urban Center

Location: Salt Lake City

Status: Full Time

Salary: monthly living allowance is \$860

Posted Date: May 30, 2007

Job Description:

Crossroads Urban Center is a grassroots, nonprofit organization that has been working to meet people's basic survival needs and address the root causes of poverty since 1966. Last January we launched the Community Food Co-op of Utah project, a volunteer-powered, neighborhood-based monthly food purchasing network. We are seeking a dependable, self-motivated person to serve as an AmeriCorps*VISTA and to play a crucial role in establishing the Co-op as a self-sustaining grassroots food security project. The AmeriCorps*VISTA Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator's responsibilities will include establishing a system for coordinating volunteers and creating/implementing outreach strategies to involve people of all socio-economic backgrounds.

Full Project/Job Description available at: www.foodco-op.org

To Apply: Jana Dickson, Community Food Co-op Director 801.746.7878 www.crossroads-u-c.org

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

ASTHMA GENOMICS WORKSHOP

June 7, 2nd Annual Asthma Genomics workshop
www.health.utah.gov/genomics/pages/asthma.html
 8:30 - 11:30 am
 Room 114, Utah Department of Health

PARTNERS IN THE PARK SUMMER PROGRAM

On **Tuesday, June 12, 2007**, University Neighborhood Partners kicks off its Partners in the Park summer program.

They are dedicating the first of seven evenings to U of U west side graduates!

This year 117 west side residents from the 84116 and 84104 zip codes...(the west side neighborhoods that are the focus of UNP partnerships) graduated from the University of Utah.

Please join them for the first "Congratulations Graduates" Partners in the Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p m at Jordan Park: 1060 S. 900 W., to celebrate west side U students and their family's accomplishment.

VIDEOCONFERENCE: DOES RACISM MAKE US SICK?

Please join us **Monday, June 25** for the 13th Annual Summer Public Health Research Videoconference on Minority Health, 12:00-2:00 (WMT).

Topic: "Does Racism Make Us Sick?"

Panel:

Luisa N. Borrell, DDS, MPH, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
 Gilbert C. Gee, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education, University of Michigan School of Public Health
 Karina Walters, MSW, PhD, William B. and Ruth Gerberding Endowed Professor, University of Washington School of Social Work
 David R. Williams, PhD, Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health, Department of Society, Human Development, and Health, Harvard School of Public Health
 Moderator: Stephanie L. Crayton, Media Relations Manager, UNC Health Care

This interactive session will be broadcast with a live audience in the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History at UNC Chapel Hill and can be viewed over c-band satellite and the Internet (webcast). Remote participants can ask questions by email and toll-free telephone.

For those of you interested in this videoconference, the Center for Multicultural Health has arranged a room 101 at the Utah Department of Health (288 N 1460 W, SLC). For more information contact Dulce Díez (801-538-9986 or ddiez@utah.gov)

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

National HIV Testing Day is coming up on June 27. I would like to encourage everyone to join the rest of the nation in an effort to get tested for HIV this June 27th. There are many locations where you can go and get it done. Invite your friends and family members...

Please visit the following link to find a location that works for you. If you have any questions or would like to promote an event, please feel free to call me. HIV/AIDS is everyone's business.

www.health.utah.gov/cdc/hivprevention/hiv_prev_events.htm



Juneteenth Cultural Arts Festival (I)

Juneteenth Cultural Arts Festival (II)

Juneteenth Festival (Activities)

More time Needed for Education in Cross Cultural Care

Racial/Ethnic Differences in Cardiac Care

State Primary Care Grants Program

Asthma Grant and Grant Writing Trainings

Job Opportunities (I)

Job Opportunities (II)

Workshops, Trainings, Events (I)

Workshops, Trainings, Events (II)

Workshops, Trainings, Events (III)

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AFFAIRS (CODA)

Salt Lake County is now accepting applications for individuals to serve on the Mayor's Council on Diversity Affairs (CODA). The 19 member board was created June 2005 by Mayor Peter Caroon to act as a voice for the county's diverse population and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor. CODA presently has four sub-committees, (1) Economic development, (2) Health, (3) Law-Enforcement and (4) Personnel. Board members are expected to attend monthly CODA meetings as well as serve on one of the sub-committees and attend their monthly meetings, averaging about 5-10 hours a month. CODA meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon at the Salt Lake County Government Complex.

Attached is the board application and CODA's mission statement. The **deadline for applications is June 8th**. All applications need to be submitted with a resume. They can be emailed, mailed or dropped by the Mayor's office, 2001 S. State, Rm. N-2100. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Sanchez, 468-3097, rsanchez@slco.org

TRAIN THE TRAINER COURSE ON BLOOD PRESSURE

The Utah Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program is holding a one day Train the Trainer course on Blood Pressure. They would like to invite anyone who teaches blood pressure measurement to attend this training and relearn the correct way to measure blood pressure as well as receive tools that will help you adequately teach blood pressure measurement to your students or staff.

The training will be held on **June 19**, 2007 from 7:30-11:00 AM at the Cannon Health Building located in Salt Lake City.

There is no charge for this training and breakfast will be provided. There are limited space so if it would be possible for an organization to send only one person who could then teach the other trainers that would be best.

Nursing and EMT/EMS CE credits will be offered for this training.

For more information contact: Emily Carlson Phone (801) 538-9209 emilycarlson@utah.gov

MULTICULTURAL HEALTH NETWORK UPCOMING SUMMIT

The Multicultural Health Network would like to announce their up-coming Annual Summit **August 10th** in Salt Lake City.

It's not too late to get involved! MHN Committee members are working hard to meet their goals and present at the conference and your expertise is valuable. If the Policy, Data and CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) Committees don't spark your interest, join the Planning Committee and help us prepare for a successful action oriented event (see Committee Purpose and Goals for details).

For committee meeting times, locations and dates go to www.health.utah.gov/cmh and click on Event Calendar or contact Isabel Rojas at www.isabel@cuutah.org

OUTREACH TO THE LATINO COMMUNITY

Comunidades Unidas "CU" is currently inviting agencies with a community health focus and that would like to outreach to the Latino community to provide information at our Permanent Health Booth at the Mexican Consulate. This is a wonderful opportunity for agencies wishing to outreach and provide information regarding their agency's services to over 200 Latino individuals in one single morning.

Typically our partner agencies are given one day during the week from 8 am to 1:00 pm to set up their booth with handouts and brochures on the services they provide. Staff hosting the booth should preferably speak Spanish and have information available in Spanish. If you need assistance with interpretation and translation let us know and we can try to help you. For more information call us at (801) 688-1009 or (801) 577-6115.

ABOUT THE CMH

The Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) is the Utah office of minority health. It is part of the Utah Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health Services.

Our mission is to promote accessible and high-quality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic minorities in Utah achieve optimal health. We accomplish our mission by increasing public and health professional awareness of persistent race/ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services in Utah.



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MORE CONFERENCES AND EVENTS**ASIAN FESTIVAL**

DATE: June 9 and 10

HOURS: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

LOCATION: South Town Exhibition Center, 9575 S/ State ST. Salt Lake City

QUIROPRACTIC HEALTH FAIR

DATE: June 9

HOURS: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

LOCATION: *Clinica Médica Familiar*, 650 S, Redwood Road (Free health screens and education on diabetes cholesterol, BMI, and blood pressure). Massages, acupuncture, alternative medicine in general, nutritional information and assessment for children and more. Information: 801-955-1644

ANNUAL WORLD DAY REFUGEE CELEBRATION

On **June 23**, 2007. It will be held at Granite High School, located 3305 South 500 East, in South Salt Lake City from 4-8 PM. A soccer tournament will begin at 12 noon.

Since the year 2000, World Refugee Day has been celebrated internationally. It is a day set aside to honor refugees who escaped and survived persecution, and now enriched our communities.

Since 1983 more than 15,000 refugees have resettled in Utah. In excess of 53 languages are spoken and over 59 ethnicities and nationalities are represented including people from Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia, and Central America.

We invite you to attend so you too can learn more about our new Utahans and celebrate their freedom and diversity. The festivities will include dancing and musical performances, kids games and activities, and art and craft displays. Ethnic foods and refugee artwork will also be available for purchase. This event is open to the public and admission is free.

The World Refugee Day Committee is gathering funds in support of this great event. Please make a donation today!

For any questions or additional information contact Daniel Watt at (801) 428-1242 or

Irina Pierpont at (801) 526-9759.

For more events visit our calendar
<http://my.calendars.net/multicultural>

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